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| | Examiner | Art Unit |
| | Jeffrey Fredman | 1637 |

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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 April 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-11, 13 and 14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-11 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 13 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Species VII, namely compound Ib with the second Z group in the paper filed April 5, 2005, is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is withdrawn in view of the amendment and species election.
3. Claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 14, the phrases "e.g." and "such as" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitation(s) following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

In claim 14, the element "U-V" are indefinite because they are shown as linked to one another but they can comprise "hydrogen". Clearly, if U and V are both hydrogen, which is permitted by the claim, they cannot be linked together. For purposes of the prior art rejection, where the rejection teaches a compound where U and V are hydrogen, that linkage will not exist.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

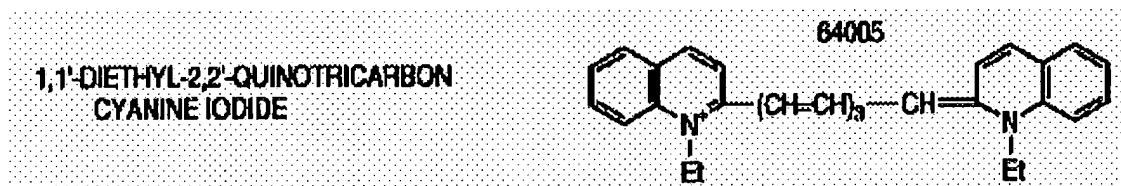
(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dandliker et al (WO 96/41144).

Dandliker teaches a method of quantitative determination of compounds including immunoassays with antibodies (which are proteins) and hybridization assays (see page 6, lines 21-25) comprising:

Subjecting the antibody or DNA to a coupling reaction with a dye (see page 19, line 1-18, where the Dandliker teaches linkage of the dye to the member of the specific binding pair),

Where the compound has the structure as shown in figure 7q



where the compound has the structure of formula Ib, where R1 is an alkyl group, R2-R5 are hydrogen, Z is the second group where n is 3 and R6-R12 are hydrogen, and U and V are hydrogen and Y is N-alkyl. Therefore, the compound of Dandliker anticipates the elected species.

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Dandliker then teaches that the linked moiety is used to determine the type or amount of analyte (see page 19, lines 1-18).

With regard to claim 13, Dandliker teaches aqueous solutions (see page 19, line 24).

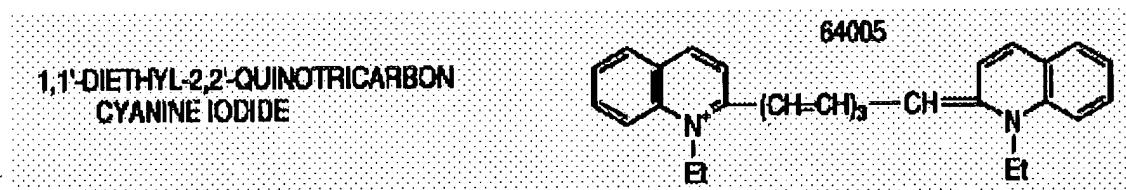
The dyes of Dandliker are inherently laser compatible because a laser is capable of exciting the wavelengths of the dyes and since the structure is identical to that claimed by Applicant.

6. Claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dandliker et al (U.S. Patent 5,880,287).

Dandliker teaches a method of quantitative determination of compounds including immunoassays with antibodies (which are proteins) (see column 10, lines 55-67) and hybridization assays (see column 4, line 23) comprising:

Subjecting the antibody or DNA to a coupling reaction with a dye (see column 10, line 63, where the Dandliker teaches linkage of the dye to the member of the specific binding pair),

Where the compound has the structure as shown in figure 7q



where the compound has the structure of formula Ib, where R1 is an alkyl group, R2-R5 are hydrogen, Z is the second group where n is 3 and R6-R12 are hydrogen,

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and U and V are hydrogen and Y is N-alkyl. Therefore, the compound of Dandliker anticipates the elected species.

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The dyes of Dandliker are inherently laser compatible because a laser is capable of exciting the wavelengths of the dyes and since the structure is identical to that claimed by Applicant.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey Fredman whose telephone number is (571)272-0742. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Benzion can be reached on (571)272-0782. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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